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1. RICHARD MOORE OF NASA CONFIRMS THAT ATS-6 IS NOW PLACED
IN POSITION AT 140 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE AND COULD COVER
EXISTING GROUND TERMINALS OF USP SYSTEM. HE DID NOT
INTEND TO CONVEY IDEA THAT HE WAS SOLICITING A PROPOSAL
FROM USP; ANYONE IS WELCOME TO PROPOSE EXPERIMENTS AT ANY
TIME.

2. MOORE BELIEVES IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT ANY OF THE
GROUND TERMINALS NOW IN STORAGE AT HEW WOULD BE AVAILABLE
FOR USP USE. SOME UNCERTAINTY EXISTS CONCERNING ALASKA
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TERMINALS.

3. DR. JOHN BYSTROM (HAWAII) HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN
ATS-6 FOR PEACESAT BUT WAS UNABLE FIND FUNDING FOR CALENDAR
YEAR 1977. POSSIBLY NEXT YEAR HE WILL BE ABLE TO PRESENT A
PROPOSAL WITH FIRM FUNDING BEHIND IT.

4. PROJECT FIEWED HERE AS POTENTIALLY WORTHWHILE. WE
ARE PURSUING DISCUSSIONS WITH NASA AND AID. HAS
CARNEGIE EXPRESSED INTEREST? HAS USP CONSIDERED PROBLEMS
OF VIDEO TRANSMISSION IN LIGHT OF RESISTANCE IN MANY
ISLANDS TO WHAT MAY BE REGARDED AS ENCROACHMENT OF
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